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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REACTION TO LEBANESE DRAFT RESOLUTION

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1. ISRAELI EMBASSY COUNSELOR RAVIV CALLED NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON MORNING AUG 14 TO CONVEY ISRAELI REACTION TO LEBANESE DRAFT RES (REFTEL). RAVIV SAID IF HE WERE TO BE FORMAL HE WOULD HAVE CALLED ON ATHERTON PERSONALLY BUT HE HOPED THIS PHONE CONVERSATION WOULD TAKE PLACE OF FORMAL MEETING. ATHERTON AGREED.

2. RAVIV SAID HE HAD RECEIVED TEXT OF DRAFT LEBANESE RES OR WORKING PAPER. ATHERTON SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED DRAFT RES. RAVIV COMMENTED THAT TEXT SEEMS EXTREMELY ONE-SIDED BOTH IN ITS PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS. IN ITS PREAMBULAR PARAS IT SPEAKS OF AIR PIRACY AND HIGHJACKING. THESE ARE ARAB TERMS; THEY ARE NOT
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OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS OF WHAT HAPPENED. RAVIV SAID HE

KNOWS EVEN BRITISH ARE HAVING MISGIVINGS ABOUT TEXT.
ATHERTON SAID HE HAD HEARD NO REACTIONS AS YET.

3. RAVIV SAID OPERATIVE PARAS ARE EVEN WORSE THEN PRE-

AMBULAR. USG HAS NOT GONE BEYOND DEPLORING INCIDENT; HERE

YOU HAVE STATEMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNING ISRAEL. IN
ADDITION, THERE ARE SANCTIONS. DRAFT CALLS ON ICAO TO
TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES AGAINST ISRAEL. THIS WILL BE INTER-
PRETED BY ARABS AS CALL TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM ORGANIZATION.
OPERATIVE PARA ALSO WARNS THAT SECURITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE
EFFECTIVE STEPS. AGAIN, THIS IS CALL FOR SANCTIONS.

4. FINALLY, RAVIV SAID, TEXT REFERS TO ARMISTICE AGREE-
MENTS; ISRAELI POSITION IS THAT CEASE-FIRE IS APPLICABLE
AND NOT ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS.

5. RAVIV SAID HE WANTED MAKE ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT
CLEAR AND TO SOLICIT US VIEW. ATHERTON SAID IT WAS HELP-
FUL HAVE EARLY ISRAELI COMMENTS BUT IT NOT YET POSSIBLE TO
RESPOND. WE HAVE TO CONSULT AMONG OURSELVES, AND IT HELP-
FUL TO HAVE ISRAELI VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION IN COURSE OUR
CONSULTATIONS. RAVIV AGAIN COMMENTED THIS IS VERY BAD
DRAFT AND HE DID NOT KNOW IF GHORRA IS ACTING ON HIS OWN
OR HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM BEIRUT. ATHERTON COM-
MENTED HE HAD NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH UN THIS MORN AND DOES
NOT KNOW PRECISE STATE OF AFFAIRS. IF ANYTHING, WE WOULD
GUESS GHORRA WILL FIND HIMSELF UNDER PRESSURE FROM REST OF
ARAB STATES TO MAKE DRAFT RES EVEN STRONGER. IN ANY CASE,
WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY. ROGERS

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